

REMARKS

The present application contains claims 2-9, 11-13, and 15-31. Claims 2, 3, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, and 21-26 have been currently amended, and claims 1 and 14 have been currently cancelled.

The only substantive change from the previous set of claims is that claims 2, 3, 15, and 16 have been put into independent form with the amendment previously entered into claims 1 and 14 cancelled. Thus, claims 2, 3, 15, and 16 have the same scope as *original* claims 2, 3, 15, and 16 (without the amendment made in the previous response), except that they are in independent form.

Claims 2, 3, 15, and 16 (as dependent on *original* claim 1) were indicated as having patentable subject matter in the previous office action.


Claims 4-9, 11-13, and 17-26 are dependent on one or more of claims 2, 3, 15, and 16 and are thus patentable for the same reasons as these claims.

Claims 27-31 stand allowed.

The rejection of claims 1-9, and 11-26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is considered moot with the cancellation of the amendment previously made to claims 1 and 14.

Applicant submits that the claims are now patentable and that the application is ready for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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